

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

In claim 1, line 1 kindly replace "A beam" with -- An improved beam --.

In claim 11, line 1 kindly replace "A beam" with -- An improved beam --.

REMARKS

The application has been amended to correct minor informalities, and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicant regards as the invention so as to place the application, as a whole, into a prima facie condition for allowance. Great care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing modifications.

In response to the Examiner's restriction/election requirement, the application is amended as set forth above. The amendments clarify that the claimed invention is directed to the improved beam member shown in Figures 9-13. Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments address the Examiner's concern, and respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction/election requirement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicant provisionally elects the species of the invention shown in Figures 12a,b.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-2500 to discuss the claims in an effort to reach a mutual agreement with respect to claim limitations in the present application which will be effective to define the patentable subject matter if the present claims are not deemed to be adequate for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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